

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>WO 01/46443 A (INCYTE GENOMICS, INC; YANG, JUNMING; BAUGHN, MARIAH, R; BURFORD, NEIL;) 28 June 2001 (2001-06-28)</p> <p>page 43, line 28</p> <p>page 40, line 12 - line 22</p> <p>page 55, line 22 - line 28</p> <p>page 44, line 25 - page 47, line 22</p> <p>page 47, line 35 - page 48, line 26</p> <p>claims 16,25-27</p> <p>sequence 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/--</p>	1-26

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A	<p>----- MARTINEZ JOSE M ET AL: "Aminopeptidase activities in breast cancer tissue" CLINICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 45, no. 10, October 1999 (1999-10), pages 1797-1802, XP002331837 ISSN: 0009-9147 the whole document</p>	1-26
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claim 26 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1-26 (all partially)

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-26 (all partially)

Methods of screening for therapeutic agents useful in the treatment of Alzheimer disease. A method for diagnosing Alzheimer disease. Pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of Alzheimer disease. Use of regulators of a NPEPPS for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of Alzheimer disease. A method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition useful for the treatment of Alzheimer disease. Use of a regulator of NPEPPS for the regulation of NPEPPS activity in a mammal having Alzheimer disease (see p. 41).

2. claims: 1-26 (all partially)

Same subject-matter as invention 1 but relating to thyroid tumor, to ileum tumor, to lung tumor, to breast tumor and to kidney tumor (see p. 58).

3. claims: 1-26 (all partially)

Same subject-matter as invention 1 but relating to lung chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (inflammatory and respiratory disease) (see p. 58 and 59).

4. claims: 1-26 (all partially)

Same subject-matter as invention 1 but relating to prostate benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) (urological disease) (see p. 58).

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